

**DMHAS/RIVER VALLEY SERVICES**

**HEAD NURSE ~ RV#26237**

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**Open To:** State Employees

**Location:** River Valley Services ~ CSP Team A ~ Middletown, CT

**Job Posting No:** RV#26237

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:00pm

**Salary Range:** \$60,862.00 ~ \$82,411.00

**Closing Date:** September 17, 2015

**Duties may include but not limited to:** provides a full array of comprehensive services to support successful community living for clients with severe and chronic behavioral health conditions and plays a key role in promoting the integration of physical and behavioral health services; part of a multi-disciplinary team that utilizes state of the art interventions that are trauma-sensitive, culturally competent, holistic and client-centered to support recovery goals; close collaboration with the team psychiatrist to ensure clients receive comprehensive treatment and assists in the coordination and delivery of pharmacology needs such as lab work and medication ordering; an integral part of the Community Support Program (CSP) Team and provides psychiatric nursing services including: medication education and management; coordination of physical health care; promotion of health awareness/ prevention and identification of complex clinical and/or health related issues for consultation/case conferences. The Head Nurse will facilitate healthy living groups related to smoking cessation, medication education and nutrition for clients; supports staff development needs related to infection control, policies and procedures, safety and Joint Commission standards; serve on the agency's Environment of Care Committee to make agency recommendations regarding policies and standards related to Joint Commission requirements; provide care that adheres to best practices which include but is not limited to: Trauma Informed Care, WRAP, IPS, IDDT. Knowledge CSP/RP and functional assessments. The Head Nurse should have knowledge of Computer Order Entry Prescription (CPOE) Medication System. Participates as a member of an interdisciplinary team in all aspects of the recovery planning process including the development, evaluation and assessment of client needs; may carry a caseload and accompany other team members in community outreach and other nontraditional interventions to provide care, monitoring, assessment and engagement. This position will assist psychiatrists with medication ordering, lab work, and other related duties.

**Eligibility Requirement:** State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer.

**General Experience:** Two (2) years of experience as a Registered Professional Nurse.

**Special Experience:** One (1) year of the General Experience must have been working with the type of patients and/or clients serviced by the agency.

**Substitution Allowed:** A Bachelor's degree in Nursing may be substituted for one (1) year of the General Experience.

**Special Requirement:** Incumbents in this class must possess and retain a license or temporary permit as a Registered Professional Nurse in Connecticut. Incumbents in this class maybe required to travel.

**Working Conditions:** Incumbents in this class may be required to lift and restrain patients/clients; may have exposure to communicable/infectious diseases and risk of injury from assaultive/abusive patients/clients; may be exposed to disagreeable conditions.

**Note:** The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

**To be considered for this position:**

1. DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates (example: Nurse applying to a Nurse posting) must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request Forms received without a position number will not be processed
2. DMHAS employees who are promotional/demotional candidates must submit the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).
3. All other applicants must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

**Application Instructions:** Interested and qualified candidates who meet the above requirements should submit a cover letter, a resume, and an Application for Employment to:

[RVS-RECRUIT@CT.GOV](mailto:RVS-RECRUIT@CT.GOV)

**FAX: (860) 262-5055**

**River Valley Services**

**Office of Human Resources ~ ATTN: Recruitment**

**P.O. Box 351 ~ Middletown, CT 06457**

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